

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Fish Screening Task Force (FSTF) is a seven-person board appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to advise Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department (department) staff on fish screening program development, implementation, monitoring, technology, funding and reporting. Three members represent agricultural interests, three represent fishing or fish conservation interests, and one member is appointed to represent the public. FSTF members serve a two-year term, with the possibility of serving three consecutive terms. There is currently one open position on the task force to represent agriculture.

Reed Stewart served as an agriculture representative for three two-year terms and is not eligible for reappointment. The Commission is responsible for appointing task force members and will be appointing one member to fill the current vacancy.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public recruitment for this FSTF position was accomplished through a statewide news release, advertisement on the department website, email notification to applicable organizations, and direct contact with people who have expressed an interest in becoming involved with this group.

ISSUE 1

APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL AN AGRICULTURE POSITION ON THE FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE.

ANALYSIS

Three people submitted applications for this open seat. Applications were reviewed based on their response to questions regarding their interest in the position, experience with agriculture and agricultural organizations, fish screening or other water related experience, and experience with public boards. After review of the applications by staff, all applicants were interviewed and references contacted.

The following individuals applied for the open position:

- Les Perkins, Parkdale
- Brent Stevenson, Salem
- Tony Stroda, Monroe

Les Perkins is the Business Development Director for Farmers Conservation Alliance, a Hood River based company that markets and installs a patented horizontal fish screen. Mr. Perkins is also a Hood River County Commissioner, and a member of the Hood River Watershed Group and other organizations. He is experienced in working with water users interested in installing a fish screen on their intake.

Brent Stevenson is the District Manager for the Santiam Water Control

District and previously served in that capacity for an irrigation district in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Stevenson has been involved in agriculture and water use for over 25 years with duties that require continuous public involvement. He has been involved in all phases of developing, installing, and maintaining fish screens.

Tony Stroda is a fourth generation farmer on the Long Tom River. Mr. Stroda has first hand experience with the ODFW Fish Screen Cost Share Program through the installation of a fish screen on his intake for the irrigation of his farm. He is or has been a member of the Long Tom Watershed Council, Junction City Water Control District, and other boards.

All three applicants are well qualified and would make a great addition to the Fish Screening Task Force. Staff recommends the appointment of Tony Stroda due to his background and experience best meeting the intent of the current opening to represent agricultural interests. Current agriculture representatives include an irrigation district manager and an engineer. Mr. Stroda's experience as a farmer would provide a unique perspective while complimenting the existing Task Force members.

OPTIONS

1. Appoint a new member to the FSTF from the list of candidates
2. Reject the list of candidates and re-solicit for new candidates.

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION

1. Tony Stroda

DRAFT MOTION	I move to appoint _____ as an agricultural representative on the Fish Screening Task Force.
EFFECTIVE DATE	February 5, 2011